

**LACDMH CELEBRATES MENLO FAMILY GRAND OPENING**  
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On Thursday, March 7, 2013, Little Tokyo Services Center (LTSC) hosted a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for Menlo Family Apartments near downtown Los Angeles. It is one of the many housing program projects funded by the voter-passed Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and supported by the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH). The project was a development planned by both LTSC and the Koreatown Youth and Community Center (KYCC).

Menlo Family Apartments consists of 60 units with half of the units funded by MHSA and specifically targeting homeless families, homeless families with children with mental illness and homeless transition age youth (TAY). The units range from one to three-bedroom apartments.



“There’s plenty to celebrate today. Anytime an affordable housing project is built, it’s worthy of a celebration,” said Dean Matsubayashi from the LTSC Community Development Corporation.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas told the audience how pleased he was to see the Menlo Family Apartments finally complete after eight years of planning: “The families and youth will have a new lease on life. I can’t say enough good things about this project. This sets a standard of replication throughout Los Angeles. We need more of these.”



LACDMH Chief Deputy Director Robin Kay, Ph.D., also spoke at the ceremony, praising all the public and private partners who rallied together to make the day possible and completed the project. “Thanks to the Little Tokyo Services Center and the Koreatown Youth and Community Center for improving the world,” Dr. Kay said.

KYCC is the lead service producer for Menlo Family Apartments. The residential complex will have community rooms available with services open to residents, including after-school programs, life skills training, and mental health counseling and treatment.

Besides LACDMH, LTSC and KYCC, there were several other funders and partners involved in the development of the Menlo Family Apartments, including: California Housing and Community Development, Multifamily Housing Program; California Housing Finance Agency; California Tax Credit Allocation Committee; California Debt Limit Allocation Committee; Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles; County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission; Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles; Los Angeles Housing Department; Union Bank of California; Corporation for Supportive Housing; Century Housing Corporation; Enterprise Community Partners; Birba Group; Inclusive Homes, Inc.; Castle & Gray International, Inc.; Walton Construction Services; and Gubb and Barshay, LLP.

